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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF JAPANESE EMBASSY NOTE REQUESTING
RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING DATA ON US NUCLEAR VESSELS
FROM GOP

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1. TEXT OF UNNUMBERED AND UNDATED SUBJECT NOTE FOLLOWS:

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WITH RESPECT TO THE VISIT OF U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED
WARSHIPS TO THE JAPANESE PORTS (SUCH AS YOKOSUKA, SASEBO,
OKINAWA), THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS BEEN CONDUCTING
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RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING (SETTING UP MONITORING POSTS AT

THE PORTS CONCERNED AND CONDUCTING QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF COBALT 60, ZINC 65 ETC. IN THE SEAWATER, AND BOTTOM SEDIMENT COLLECTED QUARTERLY AS WELL AS AT THE TIME OF EACH DEPARTURE OF THE NPWS), BUT IS URGENTLY UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF THE SAID MONITORING SYSTEM TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SIMILAR MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED IF THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED COULD FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. WHETHER THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS MONITORING SYTEM OF RADIOACTIVITY AT THE PORTS WHERE THE U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED ARSHIPS VISIT.

2. IF YES,

(1) THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN CHARGE AND ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGHT (IF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK, ITS NAME AND, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STRENGTH);

(2) WHETHER AIR AND WATER (CONTINUOUS) MONITORING BY MEANS OF GM COUNTERS OR SCINTILLATION COUNTERS ARE CONDUCTED AT THE PORTS CONCERNED;

(3) WITH REGARD TO PERIODICAL SURVEYS OF RADIOACTIVITY:

(A) FREQUENCY OF SUCH SURVEY (HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR?).

(B) THE OBJECT OF SAMPLES (SEAWATER, BOTTOM SEDIMENT, ETC.).

(C) THE OBJECT OF QUANTITATIVE (QUALITATIVE) ANALYSIS (ZINC, COBALT, MANGANESE, FERRO, ETC).

(D) METHOD OF ANALYSIS (RADIO CHEMICAL ANALYSIS, PULSE HEIGHT ANALYSIS BY GELNANIUM AND OR NA I DETECTOR).

(E) MARGIN OF DETECTION OR MINIMUM UNIT TO BE DETECTED (IN CASE OF U.S. NAVY, FOR EXAMPLE, 3 PICO CURIE/GRAM FOR COBALT 60).

3. IN THE CASE OF JAPAN, SEAWATER AND BOTTOM SEDIMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BERTHING OR MOORING POINT OF NP SUBMARINES ARE COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE. IS SIMILAR SURVEY CONDUCTED IN THE PHILIPPINES? END QUOTE SULLIVAN

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